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gamut of the budget versus the various incentive programs. It's a good...it's a good reference, and I was interested in some of the details, and I thank him for thinking of that and having that done. I simply...I oppose the bracket motion. I simply wanted to reiterate a little bit of what some of LB 775 benefits have been to my district, specifically to Nebraska City. Many of the things that have happened in Nebraska City in the early nineties were the result of LB 775. In fact, I even would claim some of the benefits of Cargill coming to Blair, because Cargill originally had looked at Nebraska City. But I know that those were real incentives for those to get started in Nebraska, and especially the ethanol plants that ended up at Columbus and some others. So we've had those benefits, realizing it's subjective in some people's minds and some would have come anyway. But in order to have a climate that is receptive or is conducive to business, whatever state it is, there needs to be things done like this and I think, in spite of some of our reservations, in spite of the fact I don't like being pushed into some things, it is a fact of life. And until the U.S. Congress decides they're going to do something about it, I think we have to stay in the game just like every other state is doing. This, I think, represents a good consensus of moving forward. Not everyone is happy, as I understand it, but I think it does provide something that will be useful. The only other thing I want to say is about Senator Connealy's...the microenterprise. I do think there's some opportunities in parts of rural Nebraska for research and development. The microenterprise amendment that Senator Connealy had in there, LB 309, I think is one of those areas that's going to help get some entrepreneurial spirit fired up, perhaps, in rural Nebraska in the R & D area. And I want to particularly take note of that because, even though every small town may not necessarily thrive and they might not necessarily die, but they may not necessarily thrive unless there's some local spirit, and we have some things in LB 90 that will incent them, and there's some things in this that should incent them, particularly in the research and development, that I think will move us forward. So I think we have a package that, between the two bills, LB 312 and LB 90, which we'll talk about probably tomorrow, that I think will help us. On a side note, there will be a study we'll probably talk about more this summer to look at all the incentives for rural development that we're having to